THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) According to available information, 530 persons including civilians, Security Forces personnel and militants were killed due to Naga insurgency, during the last five years *i.e.* from 1998 to 2002, as per details given below:

Civilians	97
Security Forces Personnel	26
Militants	407
TOTAL	**530**

Details of wounded persons have not been maintained.

Exploration/exploitation of minerals in Andhra Pradesh

4271. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has made any request to the Ministry to encourage private participation in exploration and exploitation of the available 48 major and minor mines in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) No, Sir. Under the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR) and the Rules framed thereunder, there is no bar for private participation for exploration and exploitation of major as well as minor minerals in the country.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Zinc smelters set up in the country

4272. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of zinc smelters set up in the country and location thereof;